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| APPLICATION OF                             | ) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 |
| RICHARD R. ROESLER ET AL                   | ) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE          |
| SERIAL NUMBER: 10/678,491                  | ) GROUP NO.: 1711              |
| FILED: OCTOBER 3, 2003                     | ) EXAMINER: D. TRUONG          |
| TITLE: PROCESS FOR<br>PREPARING ASPARTATES | )                              |

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Response After Final filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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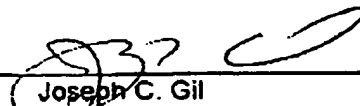
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